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### TREASURER.

We are authorized to announce JOHN P. WILLIAMS as a candidate for the nomination to the office of Treasurer of Chariton County, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

As an editor should be held responsible for his teachings, the doctrines, political and otherwise, that he promulgates, but he is not responsible for the construction given his declarations by other editors who have more *guts* than brains. In its last week's issue the *Missouri Independent*, published at Fayette, by I. N. Houck, after republishing our notice of the conditional candidacy of Charley Johnson as an independent Democratic candidate for governor, charges that the "Courier is a kind of religious, fanatical, temperance paper, with Democratic proclivities," and then tortures our article into an endorsement and support of the Johnson movement, because, forsooth, we said, "We have always favored fair treatment of the temperance element in state politics and opposed all subterfuges and evasions of the whisky question." "We believe the compromise made in the legislature that defeated the submission question ought to be ratified by the party and the temperance question permitted to retire from politics." In reference to the last quotation from our article the *Independent* has said this to say: "The Courier has said all along that the temperance question was not a political question, and yet it advocates the coercive method of holding Charlie Johnson over the heads of the Democrats with the threat that if the party declares against local option, it will run him as an independent candidate." We ask Brother Houck to read our article again, analyze it properly, and see if we make any threat or endorse one. What we have meant heretofore, and what we now mean by saying that local option is not a political question, is that a Democrat may vote for or against its adoption and be none the less a Democrat; that a Republican or Greenbacker may vote for or against it and be none the less a Republican or Greenbacker. That is, no man's political or party affiliation can be determined by his views on temperance or local option. In another sense all questions that pertain to the enactment of law or the administration of law are political questions because they tend to the promotion or suppression of a public policy. For saying we are willing to settle the temperance question, so far as the Democratic party is concerned, on the basis of Senator Vest's declaration that "local option is the only satisfactory solution of the whisky question," Bro. Houck brands us a "temperance fanatic." Well, we have no objection and will offer no protest; however, we would rather be classed as a "fanatic" than with that number who having "eyes to see, see not, and having understanding," do not comprehend the things that pertain to their good. Bro. Houck expresses a kindly fear that we are drifting into the "channel of religious fanaticism." We feel somewhat grateful that he should have either fears or hopes of us, but we can readily understand how this is. He wandered far away from the Democratic fold himself once, and absolutely became a candidate for circuit clerk against the regular nominee of the Democratic party. His experience on this line has been so bitter that like "Tormented Dives" he would warn his brethren from the entanglements into which he fell. Like Dives, Bro. Houck has regretted if not repented his folly in endeavoring to defeat the old party, but he has had a tough pull to spell up to where he was in the hearts of his brethren before he took the "tilt." We will now express one of our fears to Bro. Houck, which is simply this: If the demagogues and asses of the Democratic party do not cease their braying and crying "fanatic" against a very respectable element in the party they may in time, not very distant, create a division that will cause a humiliating defeat all along the line. We would hate to see this prediction fulfilled, and will labor with might and main to prevent it, but we want it prevented upon correct principles; we ask nothing more. Should the question of constitutional prohibition, to which we have always been opposed, come up in the next Democratic state convention, we can point to the local option law with certain needed amendments, and which has been

adopted by a number of counties in the state as a settlement of that vexed question. It permits the people of counties and certain cities to say whether or not the whisky traffic shall be carried on within their borders. This is Democratic enough for us. We tried it, got scooped, are yielding to the will of the majority and waiting for another chance.

### Gone to His Rest.

Major James S. Rollins, one of the most noted men of Missouri, passed away peacefully at his home in Columbia last Monday morning. He was born in Richmond, Madison county, Ky., April 19, 1812. He graduated at the Indiana university in 1830, came to Missouri directly thereafter, settled in Boone county, and lived on a farm with his parents. He afterward studied law with Hon. Abiel Leonard, and graduated from the law school of Transylvania university in 1834 and was admitted to the bar in Columbia. He was a volunteer in the Black Hawk war, and for a number of years was associated with his law partner, Thomas Miller, as editor of the *Columbia Patriot*, a prominent Whig paper. He was a delegate to the first railroad convention in the state, held in St. Louis in 1836, and all through his useful life was a strong and influential friend of all public enterprises of the state, particularly so of the State university and of the cause of education generally. He was married to Miss Mary E. Hickman, of Howard county, in 1837. They had eleven children, seven of whom are still living. He was elected to the legislature in 1838. He drafted, introduced and ably advocated the bill to found and endow the State university of Missouri. He was re-elected to the legislature in 1840. In 1844 he was a delegate to the national Whig convention that nominated Henry Clay for president. He was elected to the state senate in 1846 and was the Whig candidate for governor in 1848, and was beaten by Austin King, the Democratic nominee, by a greatly reduced majority. He was the Whig candidate for the U. S. senate in the year following and was beaten by David R. Atchison. Was re-elected to the lower house of the Missouri legislature in 1854. Was the Whig candidate for governor in 1857 and was beaten by R. M. Stewart by 230 votes. He was elected to congress in 1860, and with great ability advocated the bills to which the most of the railroads across the continent owe their existence. He was appointed director of the Union Pacific railroad by President Johnson in 1867 and in 1868 was again elected to the state senate, in which he introduced a bill which had been previously defeated, establishing an agricultural college, endowed with 350,000 acres of public land, as a department of the State university. Thus it will be seen that Mr. Rollins was always found in the front ranks and many times in the lead in all laudable enterprises of the state. For several years past his health has been failing, and of late his mind has been greatly impaired. He was a prominent member of the Presbyterian church and has doubtless received the reward of the just.

THE Brunswick News takes the Courier to task for reporting some carousals in Keytesville and fines resulting therefrom, and failing to create a reformation in accord with its temperance views, etc. The Courier is not a self constituted smelling committee to find out and report violations of law. We do not think there is half so much whisky drunk in Keytesville as in many other towns of its size, nor is the disorder from that cause worse than elsewhere. We ask the question: Is the law concerning the sale of whisky being violated in Keytesville? We frequently hear an affirmative answer to this query. If true, we ask by whom? and why are not the wrong-doers made to feel the penalty of the violated law? Keytesville has as many good law-abiding citizens as any town in the state in proportion to its population. A majority of our citizens are opposed to the whisky traffic. We have not had a saloon for about six months, and it is fair to say that all good citizens are pleased with the result of the no license system. As proof of this assertion we point to the facts that efforts to revive the saloon have failed for want of petitioners. Our business men, almost without exception, refuse to sign a petition for dramshop license. Our merchants report better sales in their current trade, and better collections on outstanding accounts than during corresponding months for many years. This can be accredited to the fact that money heretofore squandered for whisky is now expended in paying debts and purchasing family necessities. Peace and plenty are welcome guests that have taken the place of trouble and want. With these results before us, and with a majority of the community opposed to the traffic, we inquire why should the law, productive of such blessings, be violated with impunity and no notice taken thereof? Where are our officers to whom is entrusted the enforcement of the laws? Are they derelict in the discharge of duty? Let us hope not. Rather let us hope that our officers are ready to do their whole duty in upholding the law. Some of them have expressed their willingness and determination to prosecute offenders when proper information has been filed against them. Then, there is an obligation resting upon every citizen, as well as upon the officials, who know of a willful violation of law, to lodge the information with the proper officer, whose duty it is to bring the offender to account. Till this is done we have no right to charge officials with neglect of duty, "as the manner of some is." When this is done the faithfulness of officials to the trust reposed in them will be tested, the facts will be brought to light, and no "guilty man will escape." We have but little patience with the growler who is never pleased at the performances of others, but who will never do anything himself in a tangible way, to assist in correcting existing wrongs.

### Trouble at Sedalia.

A desperado who gave his name as T. Johnson got on a rampage at East Sedalia last Sunday evening and resisted arrest by shooting officer Joseph Gossage in the face, producing a severe wound. Another attempt was made to arrest the would-be murderer by other members of the police force, who were led by James Gossage, brother of the wounded man, who was far in advance of his comrades, and who came upon the desperado, who again, quick as thought, drew his revolver and fired with terrible effect, the ball passing through Gossage's lung, producing a mortal wound. After falling Gossage fired four times but missed his aim. The desperado left town, but was captured some six miles north of Sedalia, taken back and jailed. It was thought he would be lynched if Gossage's wounds produced death as was expected. The desperado is about 23 years of age, and a perfect terror when drinking. In addition to shooting the officers he threw a switch in the Missouri Pacific yards and dethatched an engine and three cars.

### A Colored Marshal.

The Republicans of Macon have a majority in the city of over 100 votes which they have, for a long time, been indebted to the colored population. Previous to the recent convention of the Republicans to nominate city officers one, Horace Mott, a man of color, had become a candidate for city marshal. It seemed right in the minds of the colored people who had been voting the ticket straight for a number of years, that they should have some recognition at the hands of their white Republican brethren, and to this end they petitioned the convention that Mr. Mott should receive their endorsement for marshal, to which the white brethren turned a deaf ear; in consequence there was great dissatisfaction among the colored brethren, and Mott became an independent candidate. Without a chance of election the Democrats an opposition ticket has been agreed upon and which includes Mott as the candidate for Marshal. The election comes off Tuesday of this week and we wait with bated breath to learn the result which we may do before going to press.

### Tobacco.

From present indications there will be a vigorous effort made this year to raise a large crop of tobacco in Chariton county. There is, however, a difference of opinion among producers and buyers, as to the variety that ought to be planted. The buyer that handles burley tobacco alone, would be pleased to see the farmers raise that variety; while the old style is the preference of another class of operators. We make a suggestion to the farmers that it would be well for those who intend to raise tobacco this year to have a meeting at the county seat before seed sowing begins, and have a consultation in reference to the kind of tobacco that is most likely to remunerate best and plant that kind. We will be glad to publish a call for such a meeting and will give any information they have on the subject.

Hon. J. Q. C. LAMAR has tendered his resignation to President Cleveland of the office of secretary of the interior. Some time since the president appointed him to the vacant judgeship on the supreme court bench. The confirmation of that appointment is now pending in the senate. Mr. Lamar was somewhat embarrassed by the holding of an office while awaiting confirmation to another, hence his resignation. Some of the Republican members of the senate have expressed their determination to vote against his confirmation as supreme judge,

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### Pretty Tough.

Four "joint" cases were tried in Wichita, Kansas, Monday. A plea of guilty was entered in all the cases, and punishment fixed at from \$100 fine and one month's imprisonment to seventeen years and four months imprisonment and \$20,800 fine. For each indictment and plea of guilty a fine of one month's imprisonment and \$100 was imposed. One prominent feature in these cases is the aggregate of the attorney general's fees which is \$5,725.

CARROLLTON, Mo., Jan. 8.—An engine 533 on the Santa Fe was approaching this place this morning at 3:16, bringing two car-loads of bridge timbers for the Sibley bridge, the switch at the east entrance of the yards here was not adjusted right and the most disastrous wreck ever occurring in this county took place, dethatching the entire train and instantly killing the fireman, Charles Covert, and so badly scalding and crushing the engineer, Mr. Charles Thompson, as to cause death to relieve him of his sufferings at 1:38 this afternoon. The whole train and material was thrown in a heap and the engineer buried in the ruins, but was taken out after the steam had escaped from the engine sufficiently to admit of it. He was horribly mangled and suffered terribly before his death. Conductor McKee and his brakemen, Roney Fletcher and James Snider, as well as Roadmaster Higeley, escaped uninjured. The train was bound west with the engine running backward, but when dethatched she was turned "end for end" with the head end west, lying nearly parallel with the track, completely covered with railroad iron and bridge timber. The whole train was completely demolished. It was only about the sixth day since the starting of trains on the road.

The Kansas City Times says a Carrollton man who visited Richmond, a local option town, not long since expressed his surprise at the working of anti liquor law there, and concluded that the amount of drunkenness in the town is much greater than it was before local option became a law there. The Richmond *Conservator* denies the truth of this statement and says, without knowing who the Carrollton man is, that "he made the statement, either from a lack of knowledge, or on account of unadulterated meanness. We venture to say that he is an anti, and swigs bug juice whenever he can get it." Not long since we heard a traveling man say about the same things of Richmond that are credited to the Carrollton man. We sized him up, and after doing so, had serious doubts as to his "reputation for truth and veracity."

The latest dispatches from Washington indicate the confirmation of Mr. Lamar's appointment to the supreme court by a close shave. Senator Stewart, in a late interview on the subject is reported to have said: "I know of no other man who bore arms against the United States in the late war who has so unreservedly accepted the decision of arms and who has so unquestionably maintained the validity of the amendments to the constitution as Mr. Lamar. If he is disqualified to fill the office of justice of the supreme court by reason of his participating in the late war, no person who bore arms against the United States can ever become eligible to that office." Other Republican senators are reported to have given favorable expressions in regard to their votes.

### Muscle Fork.

What has become of the Courier's correspondents?

The year with three eights comes in under promising auspices.

Miss Bettie Moorman resumed her school at the Oldham school-house Tuesday.

John Welch, of the Forks, visited friends and relatives in this locality last week.

Ed. Gash and J. C. McColburn, of Linn county, visited friends in this locality last week.

Little Albert, son of John Smalley, of this place, who has been very low with what is commonly called laryngitis, is about well.

Miss Mollie Prather, who visited the family of Marcellus Prather, of near Dalton, returned to her home, south of this place, the first of the week.

A. S. Pound, of the firm of Pound & Cavanaugh, went up to Marcellene on Tuesday of last week on a prospecting tour, returning on the following day.

J. W. Craig, deputy U. S. marshal, was in this locality on Wednesday of last week, looking after some fellows who have been violating the revenue law.

Misses Cora Job and Worlie Arrington, of the vicinity of the Sibley school-house and Keytesville, were in attendance at Francis Graves' dance on last Monday evening.

Mrs. Walker, of the vicinity of the Dawkins' old mill, visited the family of Dow Walker, of Hardin, day county, the first of last week. Perhaps her stay will be protracted several days.

Misses Lizzie and Fannie Cagle, east of this place, and the daughters of our friend, Benj. Cagle, entertained their many young friends by giving a social party, on the evening of the 2nd.

Wm. Jones, one of Pee Dee's boys, made an extended visit to Randolph county during the holidays. From present indications Bill will, in the near future, locate permanently in "old Randolph."

On New Year's day the many friends of Miss Flora Elberton, west of this place, gathered at her home to spend the day, and as this was her birthday many nice presents were given her. It is said that the young folks had a good time.

At present it looks like Pee Dee is an unhealthy place for drug stores. Mr. Holden has abandoned the business at this place, and sold the remains of his stock to a druggist at Guthrie Mills. We return "thanks awfully" for said conveyance.

Deputy U. S. Marshals, Craig and Willis, came up from Jefferson City and arrested Dick Clubs and Bart Shatto, who live near this place, on Wednesday of last week, for selling whisky without license. It will be seen that it was Dick and not Alf, as stated by the Courier last week.

### NOTING.

His Eighty-Third Birthday.

Col. Charles Dorrance was in town yesterday and received the congratulations of his friends upon his having reached his 83d birthday. He attended—as he always does—the meeting of the directors of Wyoming bank, of which sterling institution he has been director and president for 55 years.—*Wilkes-Barre (Pa.) Record.*

Col. Charles Dorrance, mentioned in the paragraph above, is the estimable gentleman who owns the Dorrance farm six miles northwest of Keytesville, and who has occasionally written a letter to the Courier, setting forth his views regarding needed improvements in Chariton county, particularly in reference to roads and highways.

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